

WEST TISBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

February 28, 2006

Present: Prudy Burt Chair, Judy Crawford, Patrick Phear, and Tara Whiting

Absent: Patricia Durfee, Peter Rodegast, Debra Swanson, Oceana Rames and Maria McFarland

Also present for all or part of the meeting: Carol Magee, Eric Peters and Bob Woodruff

Prudy Burt called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

The minutes of the February 14th meeting were approved as presented Judy abstained.

Hearings

Map 5 Lot 2.1 Continuance of the public hearing under the Wetlands Protection Act and the West Tisbury Wetlands Protection Bylaw to consider a Notice of Intent filed by Frank Flanders on behalf of Joan Smith for property at 207 Obed Daggett Road. The proposed project consists of relocating an existing structure located in a bordering vegetated wetland to a new concrete foundation and the installation of a new septic system in the Buffer Zone. Prudy opened the hearing. No one appeared for the applicant and the revised plan has not been submitted. A motion was made and seconded to continue this matter to March 14th at 5:25 PM. All in favor.

New Business

Map 12 Lots 16, 18, 19, 68 & 69.2 Hopkins /Vineyard Open Land Foundation (VOLF) Conservation Restriction

Eric Peters and Carol Magee representing VOLF. Eric reported that the discussions leading up to this proposal had started several years ago when the land was deeded to a trust with the hope of preserving the property. It was decided to apply for a CR with VOLF for a mixed use of the property including agriculture. He presented a slightly modified version of the plan and photographs of the property. Patrick raised several questions about the exceptions and the specific lack of any enumerated conservation values by which future VOLF staff would be able to use as they enforced the CR. After some discussion it was decided, unanimously, that we would ask VOLF to list conservation values as one of the purposes of the CR, and to enumerate these values, either as an appendix to the existing document or in a new draft. A follow up meeting will be held on March 14th at 5:30 PM.

Mill Pond: See letter regarding Fish Ladders and correspondence with MACC. It was decided that we should schedule a site visit to view the proposed work.

All Island Landscaping Flier: The flier was reviewed, Prudy suggested several changes that were acceptable to Judy. The Flier was then approved, unanimously.

Seth's Pond: Prudy brought up the need to have the Town place a port-a-potty at Seth's Pond during the summer season given the human waste pollution this pond experiences annually. Moved, seconded, approved unanimously. Prudy will take the lead for this project.

Old Business

Map 35 Lots 1.1 and 1.13 Maria is attending a pre-hearing conference (today) on these appeals at the Division of Administrative Law Appeals in Boston. On a February 22nd conference call Maria and Prudy reviewed the relevant information with Jim Mahala of DEP and DEP attorney Deirdre Desmond.

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 6:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Phear
APPROVED